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Data Communications Network

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the application, please amend the application as stated in the amendments and remarks herein.

- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2.
- **Remarks** follow at page 10.